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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This paper is in response to the March 14, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified patent application. Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. A check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, this Response is due on September 14, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In The Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 5, 12, and 14, as follows:

1. A method for removing both (i) ionizable and/or ionized organic carbon compounds and (ii) non-ionized and/or non-ionizable organic carbon compounds from water comprising the steps of:

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